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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Michel PHILIPPE et al.)

Application No.: 10/086,248)

Filed: March 4, 2002)

For: COSMETIC OR)
PHARMACEUTICAL)
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
HOMOPOLYMERS AND SALTS)
THEREOF)

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: T. Criares

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, the Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

- Group I** Claims 1 and 14-17, drawn to a method of improving the moisturizing of and/or preventing from drying out a substance, and to a method for the cosmetic treatment of a substance; and
- Group II** Claims 2-13 and 18-27, drawn to a moisturizer and/or emollient and a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition.

The Examiner alleges that the inventions of Groups I (methods) and II (compositions) are distinct because "the polyamino compositions of Group II can be used to treat various conditions as illustrated at page 1 of applicants' specification."

Office Action at p. 2.

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